What is claimed is

    1.   An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image forming device that forms images on sheets in accordance with an image forming job;

5   a container capable of being detachably attached to the image forming apparatus;

    a conveying device that conveys the sheets on which the images have been formed to said container; and

10   a controller that controls storage of the sheets on which the images have been formed in said container to selectively inhibit or allow the storage according to a priority level of the image forming job.

    2.   An image forming apparatus according to claim

15   1, wherein said controller is operable when the priority level of an image forming job to be executed is lower than the priority level of another image forming job for sheets stored in said container, for inhibiting the storage of sheets for the image forming

20   job to be executed in said container.

    3.   An image forming apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said controller is operable when the priority level of an image forming job to be executed is lower than the priority level of another image

25   forming job for sheets stored in said container, for inhibiting execution of the image forming job to be executed.

4. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said controller is operable when the priority level of the priority level of an image forming job for sheets stored in said container is

5 highest, for inhibiting storage of sheets in said container.

5. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, comprising an input device that inputs an image forming job and the priority level of the input image

10 forming job.

6. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, comprising a setting device that sets the priority level of the image forming job.

7. An image forming apparatus comprising:

15 an image forming device that forms images on sheets in accordance with an image forming job;

a discharge device that discharges the sheets on which the images have been formed by said image forming device; and

20 a controller that controls said image forming device to selectively inhibit or allow image formation by said image forming device according to a priority level of the image forming job.